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PUBLIC RESOLUTION — No. 47.

[H. J. Res. 223.]

Joint Resolution to authorize the appointment of a commission in relation to universal peace.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a commission of five members be appointed by the President of the United States to consider the expediency of utilizing existing international agencies for the purpose of limiting the armaments of the nations of the world by international agreement, and of constituting the combined navies of the world an international force for the preservation of universal peace, and to consider and report upon any other means to diminish the expenditures of government for military purposes and to lessen the probabilities of war: *Provided*, That the total expense authorized by this Joint Resolution shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars and that the said commission shall be required to make final report within two years from the date of the passage of this resolution.

Approved, June 25, 1910.

ARBITRATION CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ECUADOR.¹

Signed at Washington, January 7, 1909; Ratified by the President, March 1, 1909; Proclaimed, June 23, 1910.

The Government of the United States of America, signatory of the two conventions for the pacific settlement of international disputes, concluded at The Hague, respectively, on July 29, 1899, and October 18, 1907, and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador, adherent to the said convention of July 29, 1899, and signatory of the said convention of October 18, 1907;

Taking into consideration that by Article XIX of the convention of July 29, 1899, and by Article XL of the convention of October 18, 1907, the high contracting parties have reserved to themselves the right of concluding agreements, with a view to referring to arbitration all questions which they shall consider possible to submit to such treatment;

Have authorized the undersigned to conclude the following convention:

¹ U. S. Treaty Series, No. 549.